

NEWS RELEASE

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SMEF announces Miners Give Back humanitarian program
Global community outreach initiative launched

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Foundation (SMEF) is pleased to announce the launch of the Miners Give Back program. The goal of this program is to tangibly contribute to improving the lives of individuals where mining is, or has been, an integral part of their community. Through this new program, SMEF is committed to support worldwide initiatives focused on humanitarian efforts.

“As the largest professional society in the mining industry, SME will be a conduit for industry specialists around the world to positively impact and enhance the lifestyles of local communities with sustainable benefits that will last for generations,” said SME Executive Director David L. Kanagy.

SMEF is prepared to invest matching funds to find solutions to projects related to health issues, water systems, education, youth mentoring, and other mining-related concerns within an impacted community. It seeks to realize this outcome through:

- Sponsorship of an established mining company,
- The formation of partnerships with local or regional organizations, and
- Local SME Sections or individuals who will initiate and implement well-defined projects where the results will provide a definitive benefit to the local community.

The 2014 Miners Give Back grants are made possible by a generous donation from Drummond Company, Inc. Any SME member is eligible to submit a nomination for a project to be considered. Proposals may include a request of up to \$10,000, must have an established mining-related company serve as its sponsor, must have local representative involvement in the project’s planning and implementation, and must have committed matching funds. Applications should be submitted to SMEF by September 10, 2014. Details about the program and a downloadable application can be found at <http://community.smenet.org/smefoundation/programs/mgb> or contact Sharon Schonhaut at schonhaut@smenet.org, 303-948-4236 or 800-763-3132.

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